

(c) REMARKS

The claims are 8, 11, 13, 15-20, 51-54 and 56-61 with 8, 13, 52-54, 57-59 and 61 being independent. Former claims 12 and 55, indicated as allowable, have been cancelled. The subject matter of allowable claim 12 has been added to independent claims 8, 13, 52 and 53. The subject matter of allowable claim 55 has been added to independent claim 54. Therefore, independent claims 8, 13 and 52-54 and the claims dependent on them, claims 11 and 15-20, are allowable.

New claims 56-61 have been added. Claim 56 depends on allowable claim 54 and is, therefore, allowable. Claim 61 includes the subject matter of claim 54 and allowable claim 12 and is, therefore, allowable.

Independent claims 57-59 correspond to former claims 13 and 54, respectively, and additionally contain the feature that the filling material is magnetic or the porous body contains aluminum. As such, the claims are free of prior art. Further, the new features are not claimed Application Nos. 10/653,978 or 10/640,047 and are, therefore, patentably distinct over the claims in these applications. Claim 60 depends on claim 58 and is distinct for the same reasons.

The claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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